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SUPPLEMENT TO

1. General Koval informed President Rau of the German Economic Commission (DWK) by a letter dated 25 May that the DWK takes over the distribution of commodity reserves and of production in excess of the production plan for the second quarter, effective 1 June 1948. This is the result of proposals made by Rau at Koval's request in mid-May.

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2. 154 million marks worth of reserves were listed in SMA books, but that only 90 million marks worth of goods could be located on 1 June. A part of this latter amount was allotted by SMA officers to Russian trade companies, SAGs, etc.. The DWK actually got its hands on 58 million marks worth of items, including 36,000 tons of sheet iron. The SMA continues the full control of the distribution of newsprint.

3. The Main Administration for Economic Planning (Sektor Leuschner) is currently engaged in the setting up of distribution plans for about 600 of the most important commodities for the second half of 1948 and is submitting them to the SMA for approval as each plan is finished. The planning board is hampered inasmuch as it knows the needs of the occupation troops and central SMA offices during this period but not the reparations requirements. The DWK made an estimate of the latter on the basis of the existing contract. The SMA is sending such estimates back with revised reparations figures with the instruction that the DWK can change other figures but not the quotas for the Russians. These plans are expected to be completed on 28 June and will then go to the Main Administration for Materials Supply for execution.

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